

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Aitkin

District FY06 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

The highest priority is water quality. Distance from a water body will be given consideration with projects located near surface water being given additional local p [points].

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

All EQIP contracts located within shoreland zones, defined as within 1000 feet of a lake or 300 feet of a river will be given local concern priority points.

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control		3
A2 Gully Control		3
B1 Water Resource	high	5
B2 Wastewater/CNMP		3
C Habitat Improvement		4
D Air Quality		1
E Impaired Water		3
F Distance		4
G Grazing System		4
H Forest Mgt.		4
Additional Local*	high	5

\* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

See number 2 above. Five points will be added to projects within shoreland.

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.
5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 06 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date

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Participants at the Aitkin LWG meeting September 19, 2005:

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